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Two-year Commemorative Calendar is Available

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Wayne County, N.Y. - In honor of the Wayne County's upcoming 200-year birthday in 2023, the Wayne County Bicentennial Committee has created a beautiful two-year commemorative calendar. The calendar contains approximately 800 county-specific historical facts as well as over 300 images representing all aspects of life from the past two centuries in Wayne County.

Committee member, Loreen Jorgensen from Palmyra presented the idea to the Wayne County Historians organization in the fall of 2019. Ms. Jorgensen and Chris Davis from Newark worked for six months researching and collecting information and pictures from all the local historians. The calendar is organized into 24 uniquely themed months with photographs and historical facts that complement each theme. In addition, each day in the calendar contains a fun-fact for that date. For example, January 12 states: "1916 - Oswald Meulendyke, on roads iced with freezing rain, skated from Sodus to Williamson and back."

Gene Bavis (Walworth Historian) and Rosa Fox (Huron Historian), the Bicentennial Committee co-chairs, worked closely with calendar committee to verify, organize and display these little-known yet interesting facts related to county history. "It was truly a collaborative effort, involving historians from across the county," said Fox. "We are thrilled with the final product and are very pleased with the positive response in the sales and keen interest in the calendar."

"Not only is this calendar an incredible source of information and history, it is also a fundraiser for us," said Bavis. "All proceeds from the sales will support future bicentennial activities." Calendars are \$15 plus shipping and handling through the Wayne County Historical Society at (315) 946-4943, or online at www.waynehistory.org/shop.

To learn more about Wayne County's Bicentennial milestones and events visit www.waynecounty200.com.

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About Wayne County's Bicentennial

April 11, 1823, by act of the New York State Legislature, Wayne County came into existence. The last county to be "set off" from Ontario County along with parts of northern Seneca County. In 2023, Wayne County celebrates the 200th anniversary of its founding. The Wayne County Bicentennial Committee is coordinating a year-long community celebration to mark this anniversary. Please visit www.waynecounty200.com for more details about the Wayne County Bicentennial.